DATA SHEET

SKY67159-396LF: 200 to 3800 MHz Broadband Low-Noise Amplifier

Applications

- FDD and TDD 2G/3G/4G LTE systems
- Receive LNA for micro-cell, macro-cell, and small-cell base stations
- Active antenna array and massive MIMO
- Land mobile radios and military communications
- Low-noise broadband gain block and driver amplifier

Features

- Excellent broadband flat gain performance
- Low noise figure
- High IP3 performance over voltage
- Single matching circuit for 200 to 3800 MHz
- Adjustable supply current from 30 to 100 mA
- Flexible bias voltage: 3 to 5 V
- Fast rise/fall time ENABLE function suitable for TDD application
- Temperature and process-stable active bias up to +105 °C
- Miniature DFN (8-pin, 2 x 2 mm) package (MSL1 @ 260 °C per JEDEC J-STD-020)

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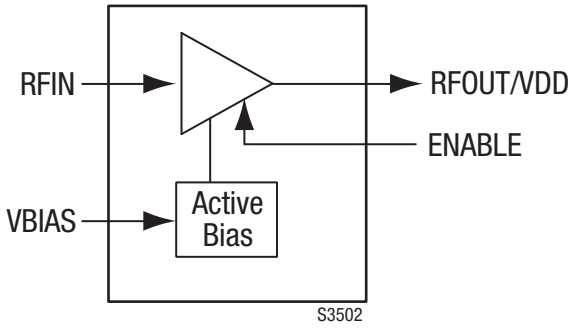


Figure 1. SKY67159-396LF Block Diagram

Description

The SKY67159-396LF is an ultra-broadband low-noise amplifier with superior gain flatness and exceptional linearity.

The compact 2 x 2 mm, 8-pin Dual Flat No Lead packaged LNA is designed for FDD and TDD 2G/3G/4G LTE small-cell base stations operating from 200 to 3800 MHz.

The internal active bias circuitry provides stable performance over temperature and process variation. The device offers the ability to externally adjust supply current.

A functional block diagram is shown in Figure 1. The pin configuration and package are shown in Figure 2. Signal pin assignments and functional pin descriptions are provided in Table 1.

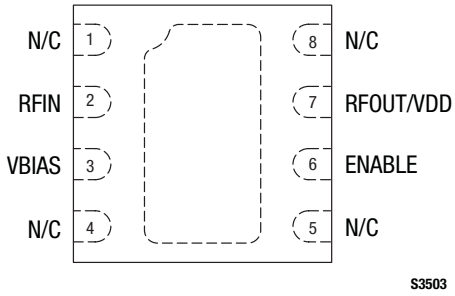


Figure 2. SKY67159-396LF Pinout (Top View)

Table 1. SKY67159-396LF Signal Descriptions

Pin	Name	Description	Pin	Name	Description
1	N/C	No connection. May be left open, connected to VDD, or connected to ground with no change in performance.	5	N/C	No connection. May be connected to ground with no change in performance.
2	RFIN	RF input. DC blocking capacitor required.	6	ENABLE	Enable pin. Active low = amplifier ON state
3	VBIAS	Bias voltage for input gate. External resistor sets current consumption.	7	RFOUT/VDD	RF output. Apply VDD through RF choke inductor. DC blocking capacitor required.
4	N/C	No connection. May be connected to ground with no change in performance.	8	N/C	No connection. May be connected to ground with no change in performance.

Electrical and Mechanical Specifications

The absolute maximum ratings of the SKY67159-396LF are provided in Table 2. Electrical specifications are provided in Tables 3 through 5.

Typical performance characteristics are illustrated in Figures 3 through 27.

Table 2. SKY67159-396LF Absolute Maximum Ratings[1]

Parameter	Symbol	Minimum	Maximum	Units
Supply voltage	V_{DD}		5.5	V
Quiescent supply current	I_{CQ}		100	mA
RF input power (C/W)	P_{IN}		+21	dBm
Storage temperature	T_{STG}	-40	+150	°C
Operating temperature	T_A	-40	+105	°C
Junction temperature	T_J		+150	°C
Electrostatic discharge:	ESD			
Charged Device Model (CDM), Class 4			1000	V
Human Body Model (HBM), Class 1A			250	V
Machine Model (MM), Class A			30	V

1 Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may reduce device reliability. There is no damage to device with only one parameter set at the limit and all other parameters set at or below their nominal value. Exceeding any of the limits listed here may result in permanent damage to the device.

***ESD HANDLING**: Although this device is designed to be as robust as possible, electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage this device. This device must be protected at all times from ESD when handling or transporting. Static charges may easily produce potentials of several kilovolts on the human body or equipment, which can discharge without detection. Industry-standard ESD handling precautions should be used at all times.*

Table 3. SKY67159-396LF Electrical Specifications: Thermal Data[1]
(V_{DD} = 3.3 V, Enable = GND, T_A = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -20 dBm, Characteristic Impedance [Z_O] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Thermal resistance	θ_{JC}			40		°C/W
Channel temperature @ +85 °C reference (package heat slug)		V_{DD} = 3.3 V, I_{CQ} = 45 mA, no RF applied, dissipated power = 0.15 W		90.9		°C

1 Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

Table 4. SKY67159-396LF Electrical Specifications: 700 to 2700 MHz Optimized Tuning[1] (1 of 2)
(V_{DD} = 3.3 V, Enable = GND, T_A = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -20 dBm, Characteristic Impedance [Z_O] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
RF Specifications						
Noise figure[2]	NF	@ 700 MHz @ 1200 MHz @ 2100 MHz @ 2700 MHz		0.95 0.97 0.98 1		dB dB dB dB
Small signal gain	|S21|	@ 700 MHz @ 1200 MHz @ 2100 MHz @ 2700 MHz		17.8 17.5 17.3 17.1		dB dB dB dB
Input return loss	|S11|	@ 700 MHz @ 1200 MHz @ 2100 MHz @ 2700 MHz		18 20 20 18		dB dB dB dB
Output return loss	|S22|	@ 700 MHz @ 1200 MHz @ 2100 MHz @ 2700 MHz		22 19 19 22		dB dB dB dB
Reverse isolation	|S12|	@ 700 MHz @ 1200 MHz @ 2100 MHz @ 2700 MHz		22 22 22 23		dB dB dB dB
Third order input intercept point	IIP3	@ 700 MHz, Δf = 1 MHz, P_{IN} = -20 dBm/tone @ 2700 MHz, Δf = 1 MHz, P_{IN} = -20 dBm/tone	12 10	14.2 12.4		dBm dBm
Third order output intercept point	OIP3	@ 700 MHz, Δf = 1 MHz, P_{IN} = -20 dBm/tone @ 2700 MHz, Δf = 1 MHz, P_{IN} = -20 dBm/tone	30 27.5	32 29.5		dBm dBm
1 dB input compression point	IP1dB	@ 700 MHz @ 2700 MHz	-1 -2	+1 0		dBm dBm
1 dB output compression point	OP1dB	@ 700 MHz @ 2700 MHz	+16 +14	+18 +16		dBm dBm

Table 4. SKY67159-396LF Electrical Specifications: 700 to 2700 MHz Optimized Tuning[1] (2 of 2)
(V_{DD} = 3.3 V, Enable = GND, T_A = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -20 dBm, Characteristic Impedance [Z_O] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
DC Specifications						
Supply voltage	V_{DD}			3.3		V
Quiescent current	I_{DD}	Set with external resistor (R_{BIAS} = 4.7 kΩ)		45		mA
Bias current	I_{BIAS}					µA
Enable voltage: Gain mode Power-down mode	V_{EN}		 0 1.5		 0.2 5.5	 V V
Enable rise time[3]	t_{ON}	@ 2700 MHz		400		ns
Enable fall time[3]	t_{OFF}	@ 2700 MHz		150		ns

1 Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

2 Connector and board loss are de-embedded.

3 Tested with a 100 kHz square wave, 1000 pF capacitance-to-ground on the ENABLE pin. Switching time can be improved by reducing the value of, or eliminating, the 1000 pF capacitor on pin 6 (component M17 in Figure 19).

Table 5. SKY67159-396LF Electrical Specifications: 3400 to 3800 MHz Optimized Tuning (1 of 2)
(V_{DD} = +3.3 V, ENABLE = LOW, I_{CQ} = 45 mA, T_{OP} = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -20 dBm, Optimized for 3400 to 3800 MHz Operation, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
RF Specifications						
Noise figure	NF	@ 3400 MHz @ 3600 MHz @ 3800 MHz		1.2 1.25 1.3		dB dB dB
Small signal gain	|S21|	@ 3400 MHz @ 3600 MHz @ 3800 MHz		16.8 16.7 16.5		dB dB dB
Input return loss	|S11|	@ 3400 MHz @ 3600 MHz @ 3800 MHz		24 30 30		dB dB dB
Output return loss	|S22|	@ 3400 MHz @ 3600 MHz @ 3800 MHz		22 21 22		dB dB dB
Reverse isolation	|S12|	@ 3400 MHz @ 3600 MHz @ 3800 MHz		23 23 23		dB dB dB

Table 5. SKY67159-396LF Electrical Specifications: 3400 to 3800 MHz Optimized Tuning (2 of 2)
(V_{DD} = +3.3 V, ENABLE = LOW, I_{CQ} = 45 mA, T_{OP} = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -20 dBm, Optimized for 3400 to 3800 MHz Operation, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
RF Specifications						
Third order input intercept point	IIP3	@ 3400 MHz, Δf = 1 MHz, PIN = -20 dBm/tone	9	11.4		dBm
		@ 3800 MHz, Δf = 1 MHz, PIN = -20 dBm/tone	8	10.9		dBm
Third order output intercept point	OIP3	@ 3400 MHz, Δf = 1 MHz, PIN = -20 dBm/tone	25	28.2		dBm
		@ 3800 MHz, Δf = 1 MHz, PIN = -20 dBm/tone	24	27.4		dBm
1 dB input compression point	IP1dB	@ 3400 MHz	-3	-1		dBm
		@ 3800 MHz	-3	-1		dBm
1 dB output compression point	OP1dB	@ 3400 MHz	12	14.8		dBm
		@ 3800 MHz	12	14.5		dBm

Typical Performance Characteristics, 700 to 2700 MHz

(V_{DD} = 3.3 V, Enable = GND, I_{CQ} = 45 mA, T_A = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -20 dBm, Characteristic Impedance [Zo] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)

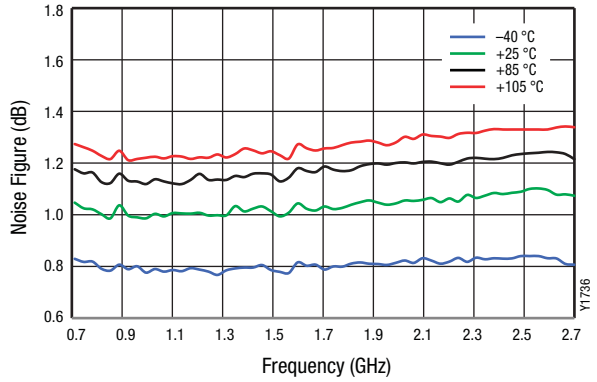


Figure 3. Evaluation board NF vs Frequency over Temperature

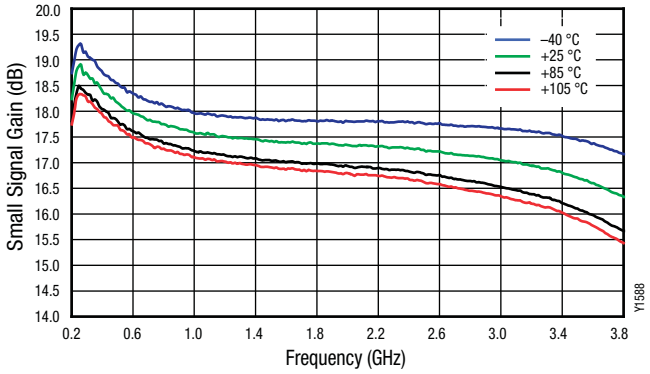
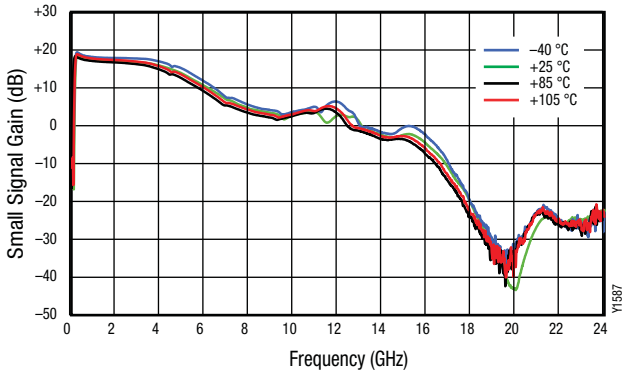


Figure 4. Narrow Band Gain vs Frequency over Temperature



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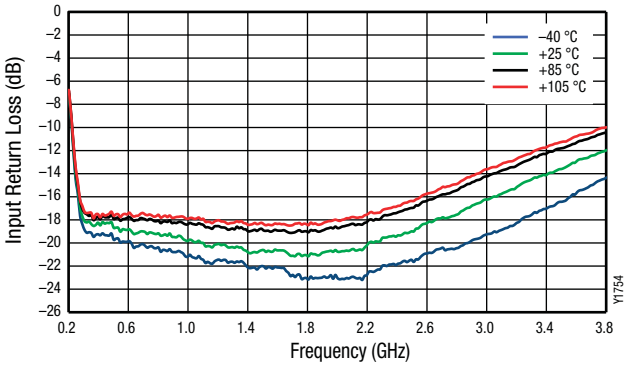

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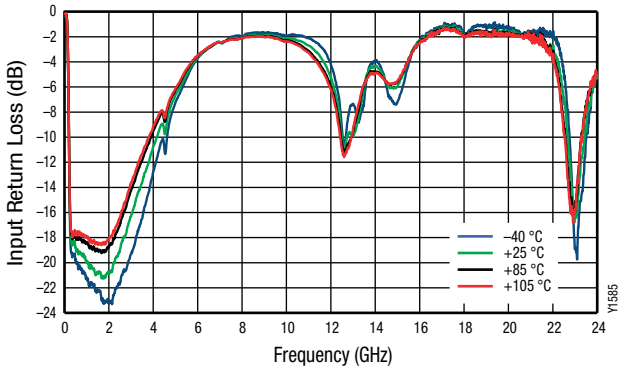

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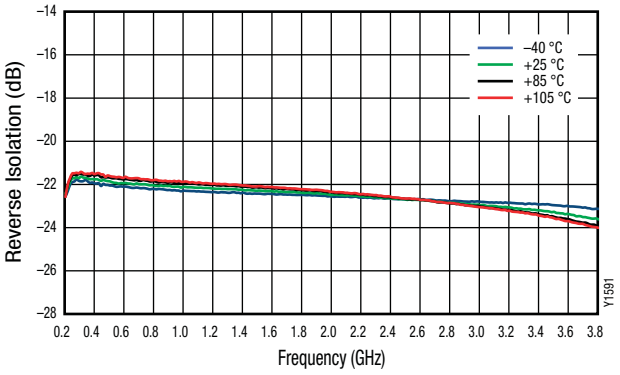
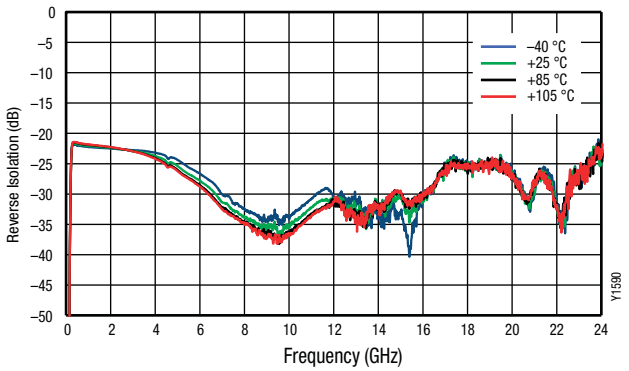


Figure 8. Narrowband Reverse Isolation vs Frequency over Temperature



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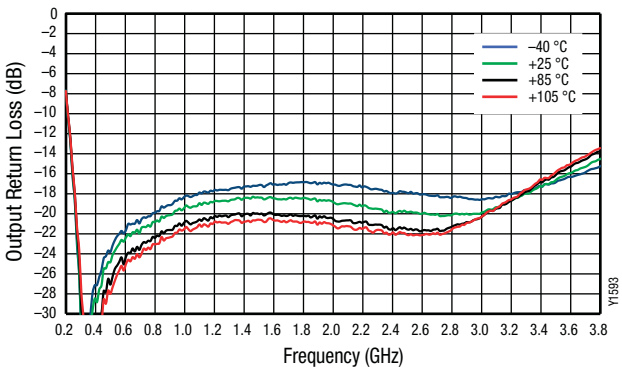

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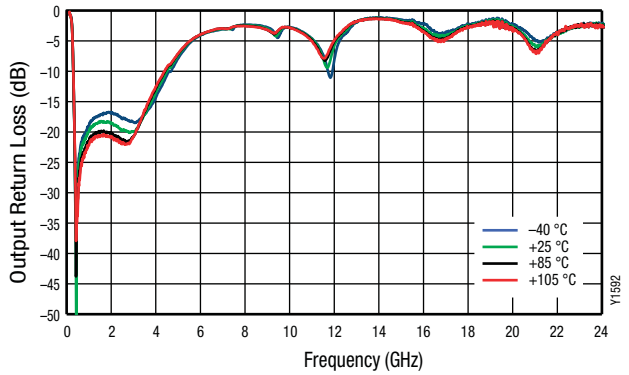

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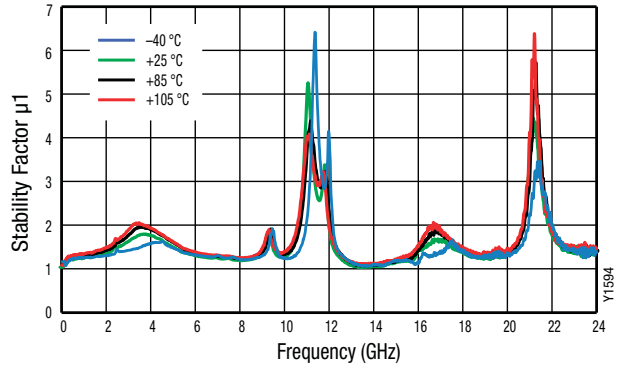
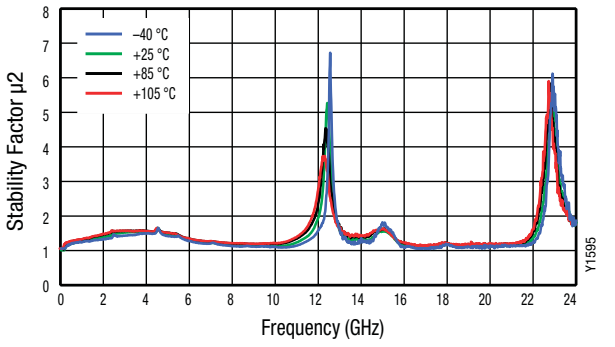


Figure 12. Stability Factor (µ1) vs Frequency over Temperature



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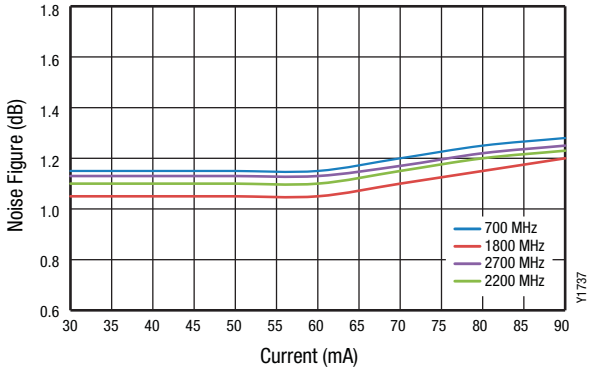


Figure 14. Evaluation Board Noise Figure vs Quiescent Current over Frequency

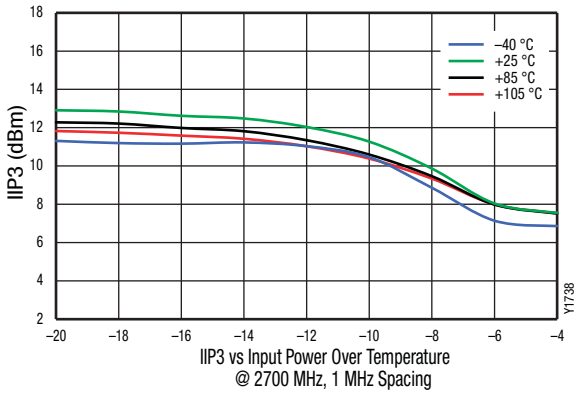


Figure 15. OIP3 vs Input Power over Temperature (@ 2700 MHz, 1 MHz Spacing)

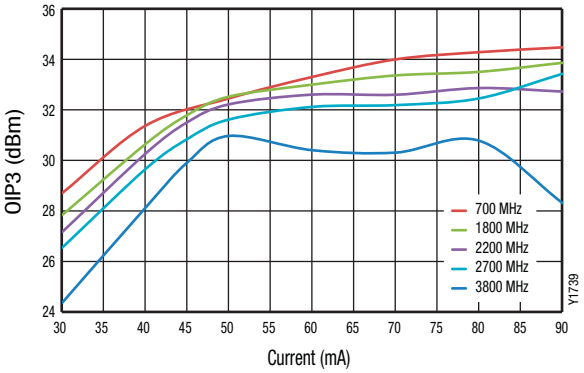
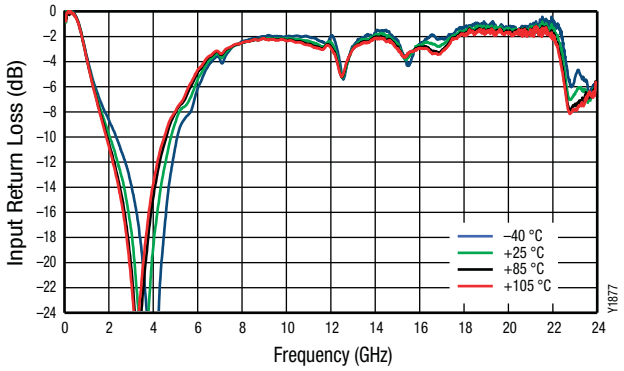


Figure 16. OIP3 vs Quiescent Current over Frequency

Typical Performance Characteristics, 3400 to 3800 MHz Optimized Tuning

(V_{DD} = 3.3 V, Enable = GND, I_{CQ} = 45 mA, T_A = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -20 dBm, Characteristic Impedance [Zo] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)



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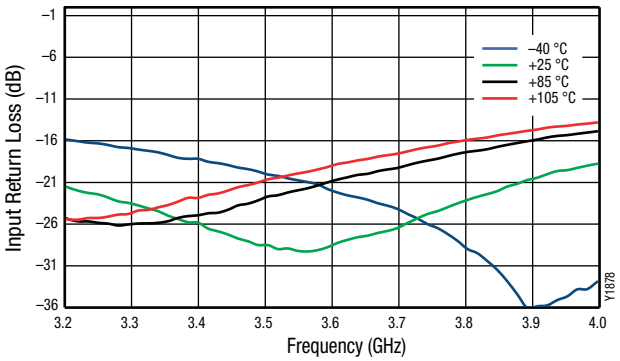

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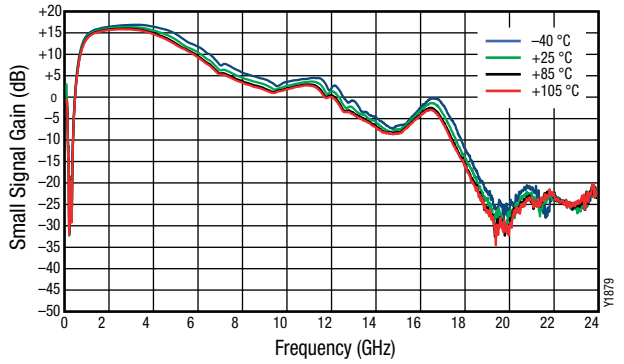

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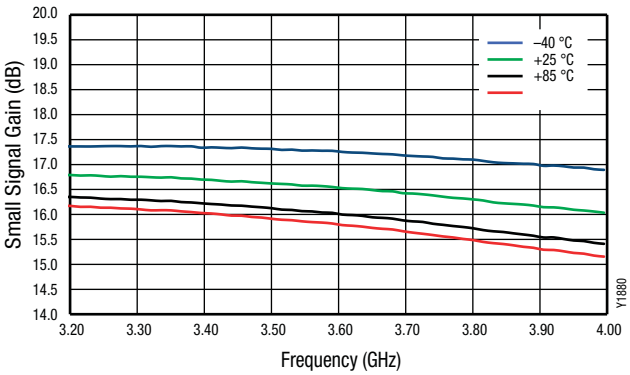

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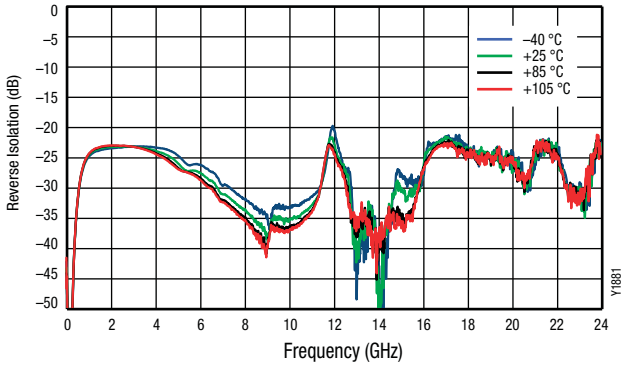
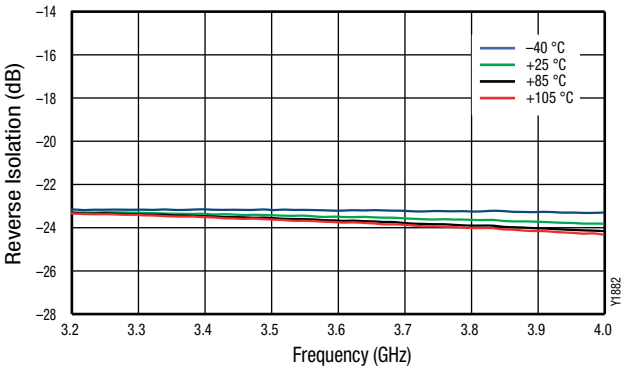


Figure 21. Broadband Reverse Isolation vs Frequency over Temperature



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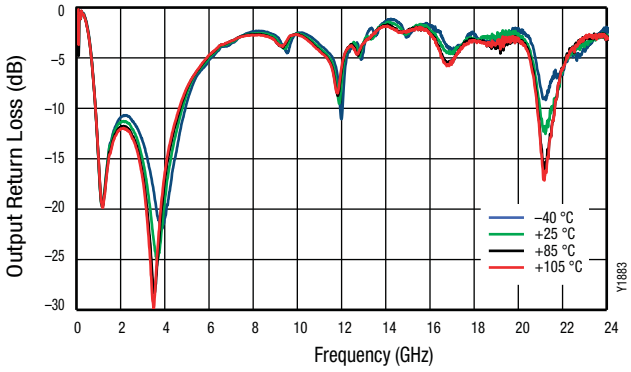

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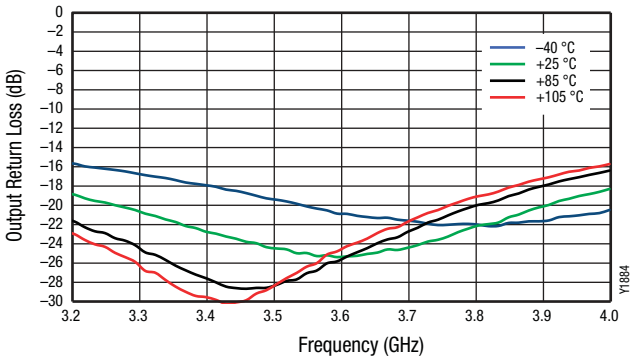

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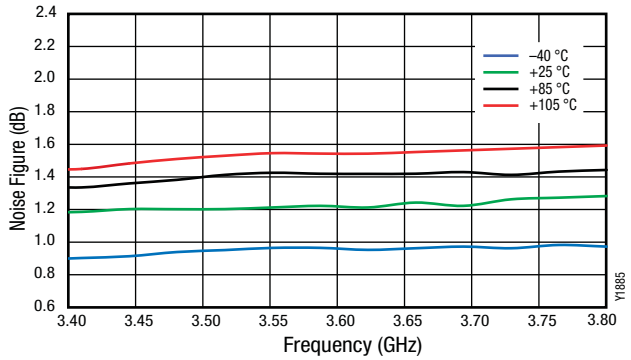


Figure 25. Noise Figure vs Frequency

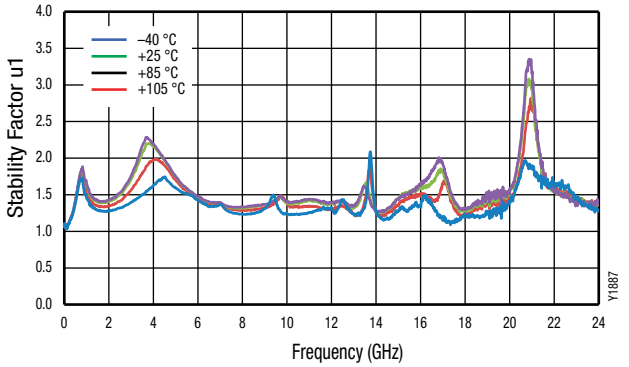


Figure 26. Stability Factor u1 vs Frequency

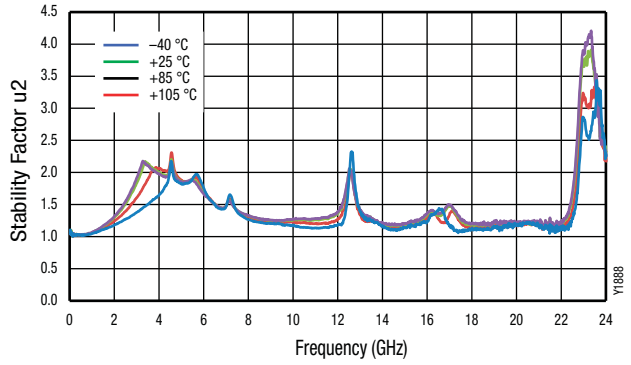


Figure 27. Stability Factor u2 vs Frequency

Evaluation Board Description

The SKY67159-396LF Evaluation Board is used to test the performance of the SKY67159-396LF LNA.

An assembly drawing for the Evaluation Board is shown in Figure 28. The layer detail is provided in Figure 29. An Evaluation Board schematic (optimized for 700 to 2700 MHz) diagram is provided in Figure 30. Table 6 provides the Bill of Materials (BOM) list for the optimized frequency band (700 to 2700 MHz). An Evaluation Board schematic (optimized for 3400 to 3800 MHz) diagram is provided in Figure 31. Table 7 provides the Bill of Materials (BOM) list for the optimized frequency band (3400 to 3800 MHz).

Package Dimensions

The PCB layout footprint for the SKY67159-396LF is provided in Figure 32. Typical part markings are shown in Figure 33. Package dimensions are shown in Figure 34, and tape and reel dimensions are provided in Figure 35.

Package and Handling Information

Instructions on the shipping container label regarding exposure to moisture after the container seal is broken must be followed. Otherwise, problems related to moisture absorption may occur when the part is subjected to high temperature during solder assembly.

The SKY67159-396LF is rated to Moisture Sensitivity Level 1 (MSL1) at 260 °C. It can be used for lead or lead-free soldering. For additional information, refer to the Skyworks Application Note, *Solder Reflow Information*, document number 200164.

Care must be taken when attaching this product, whether it is done manually or in a production solder reflow environment. Production quantities of this product are shipped in a standard tape and reel format.

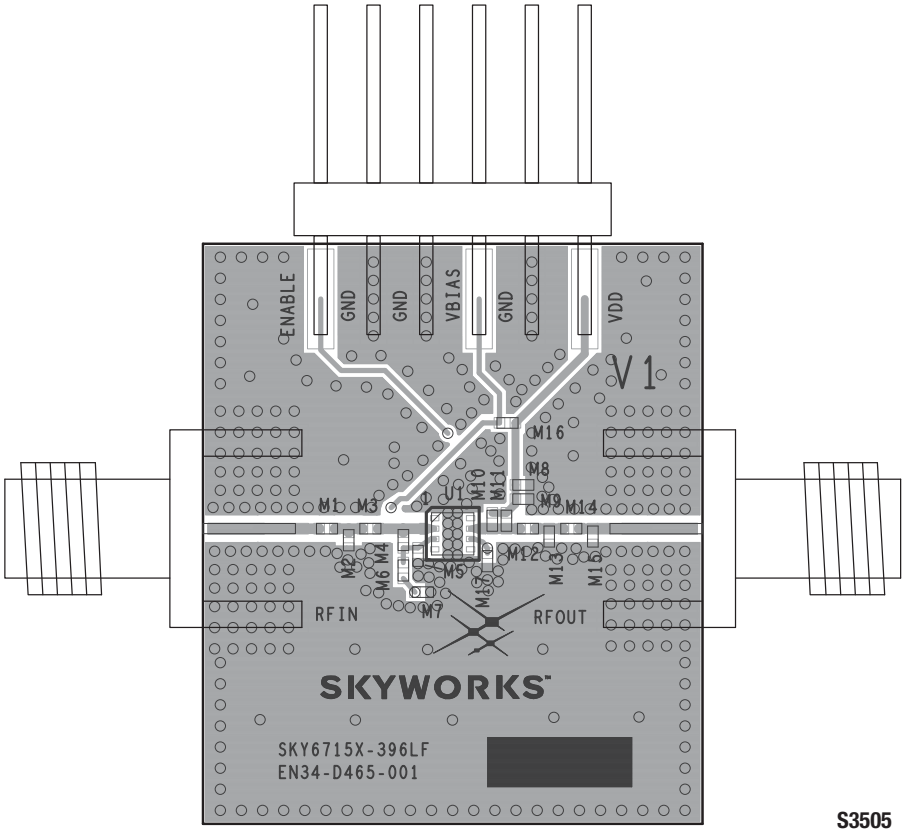


Figure 28. SKY67159-396LF Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram

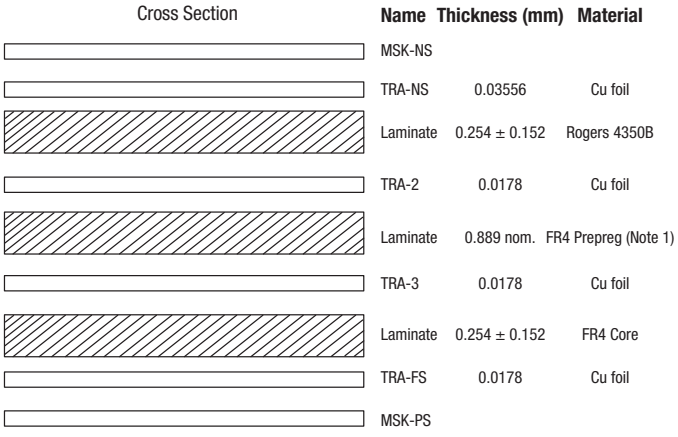


Figure 29. Layer Detail Physical Characteristics

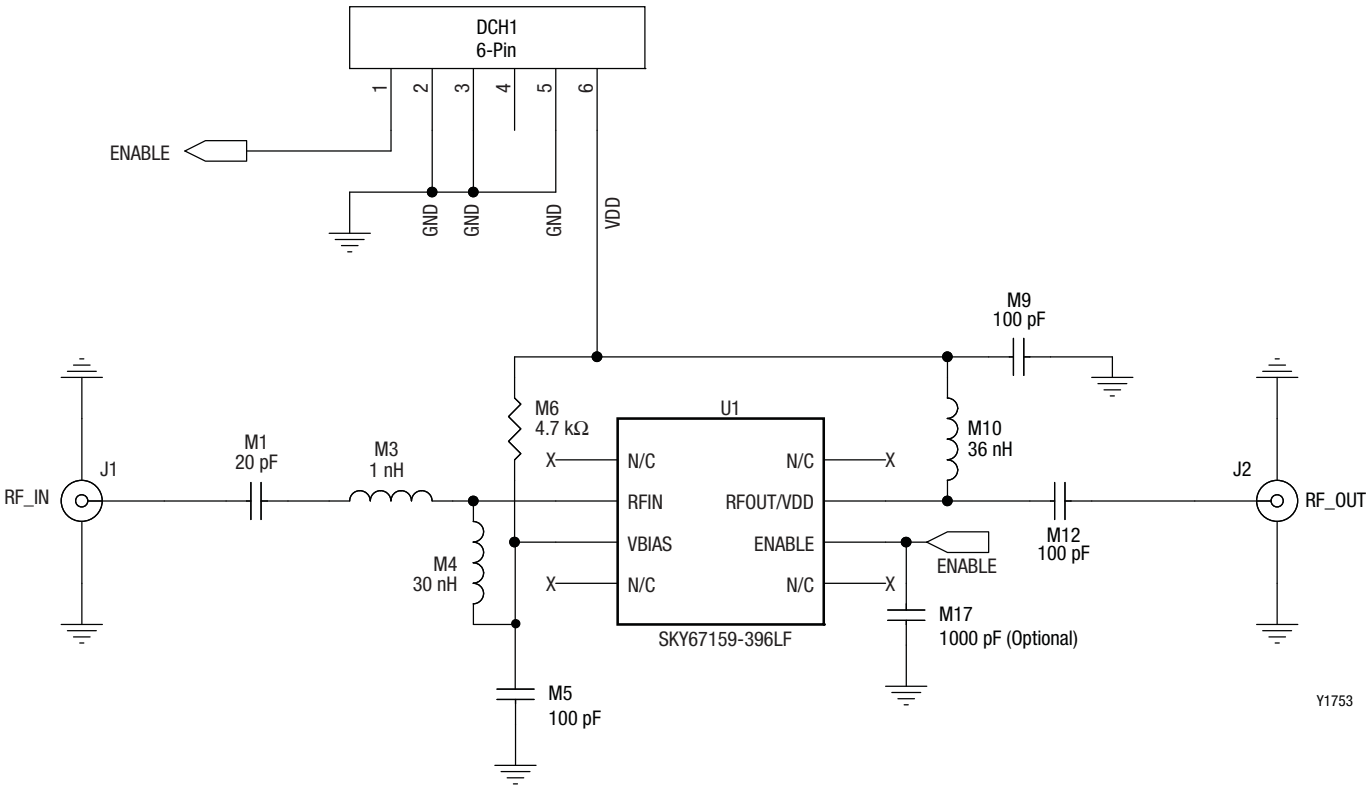


Figure 30. SKY67159-396LF Evaluation Board Schematic (Optimized for 700 to 2700 MHz)

Table 6. SKY67159-396LF Evaluation Board Bill of Materials (700 to 2700 MHz)

Component	Description	Value	Size	Manufacturer	Mfr Part Number
M1	Capacitor	20 pF	0402	Murata GJM	GJM1555C1H200JB01
M3	Inductor	1 nH	0402	Coilcraft HP	0402HP-1N0XJL
M4	Inductor	30 nH	0402	Coilcraft HP	0402HP-30NX_L_
M5, M9, M12	Capacitor	100 pF	0402	Murata GRM	GRM1555C1H101JA01D
M6 (R_{BIAS})	Resistor	4.7 kΩ	0402	Panasonic	ERJ-2RKF4701X
M10	Inductor	36 nH	0402	Coilcraft HP	0402HP-36NX_L_
M14, M16	Jumper	0 Ω	0402	Panasonic	ERJ-2GE0R00X
M2, M7, M8, M11, M13, M15, M17[1]	DNP				

[1] M17 is optional. It is only needed if the control signal is noisy.

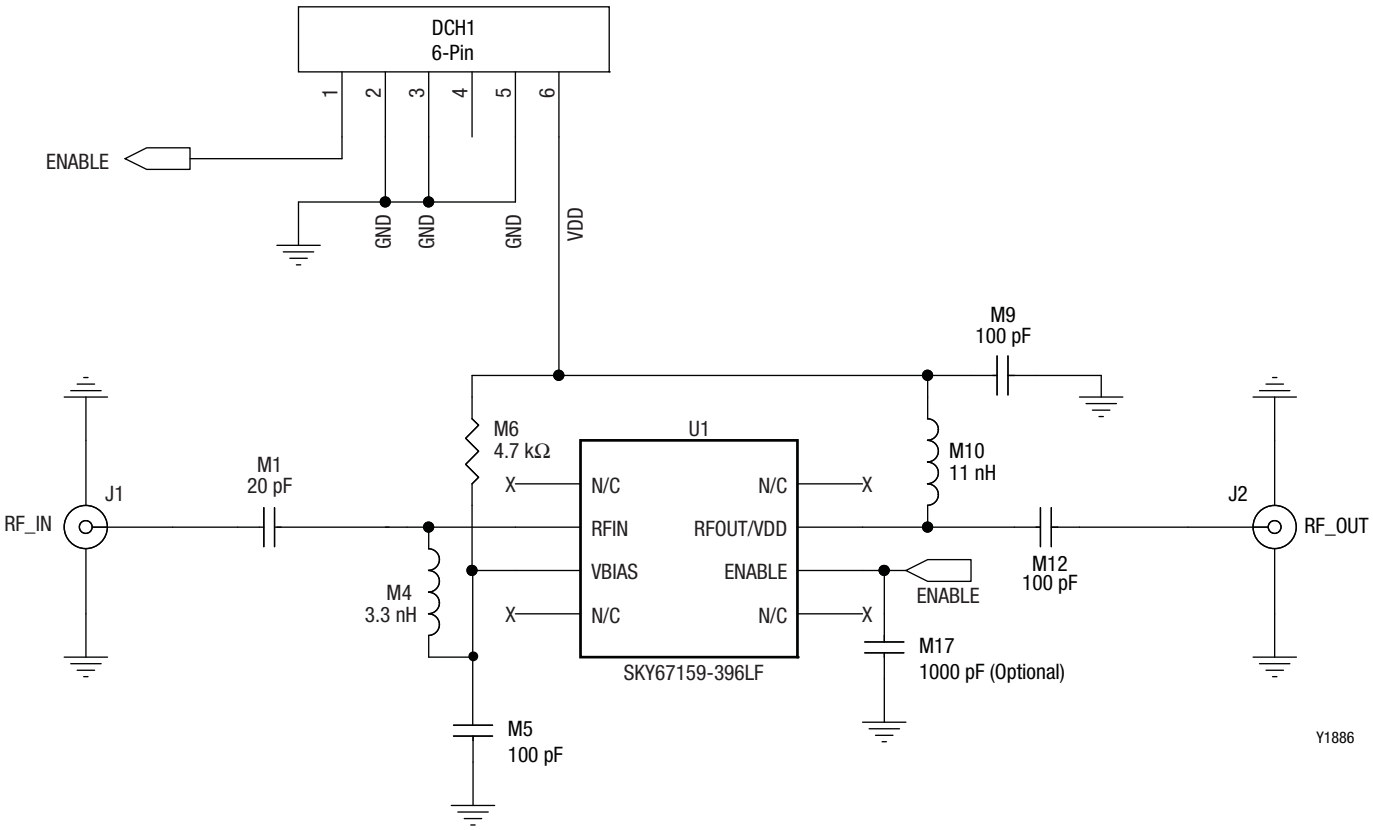


Figure 31. SKY67159-396LF Evaluation Board Schematic (Optimized for 3400 to 3800 MHz)

Table 7. SKY67159-396LF Evaluation Board Bill of Materials (3400 to 3800 MHz)

Component	Description	Value	Size	Manufacturer	Part Number
M1	Capacitor	20 pF	0402	Murata GJM	GJM1555C1H200JB01
M4	Inductor	3.3 nH	0402	Coilcraft HP	0402HP-3N3X_L_
M5, M9, M12	Capacitor	100 pF	0402	Murata GRM	GRM1555C1H101JA01D
M6 (R_{BIAS})	Resistor	4.7 kΩ	0402	Panasonic	ERJ-2RKF4701X
M10	Inductor	11 nH	0402	Coilcraft HP	0402HP-11NX_L_
M3, M14, M16	Jumper	0 Ω	0402	Panasonic	ERJ-2GE0R00X
M2, M7, M8, M11, M13, M15, M17[1]	DNP				

1 M17 is optional. It is only needed if the control signal is noisy.

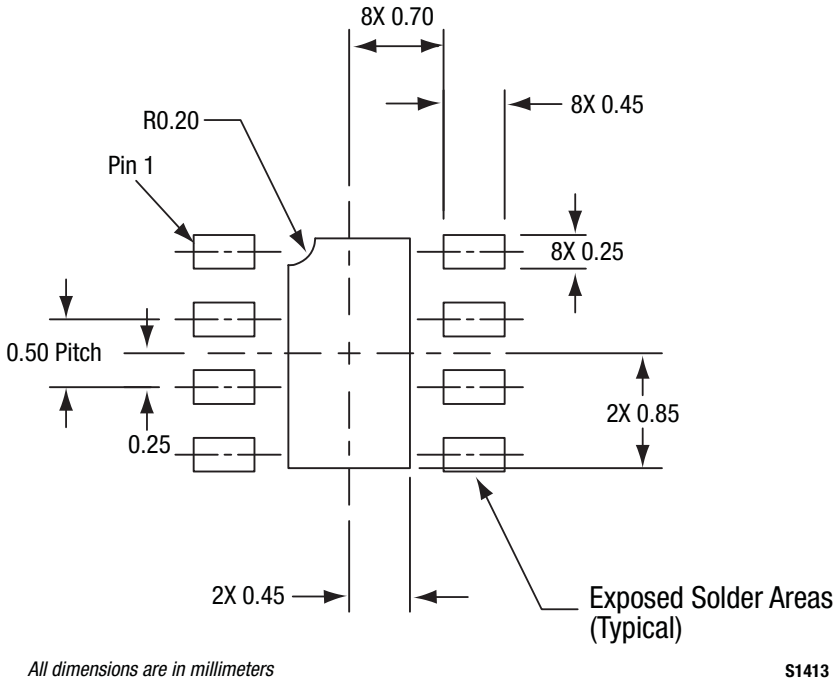


Figure 32. SKY67159-396LF PCB Layout Footprint
(Top View)

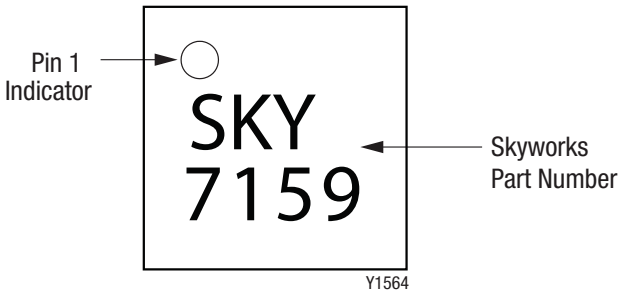
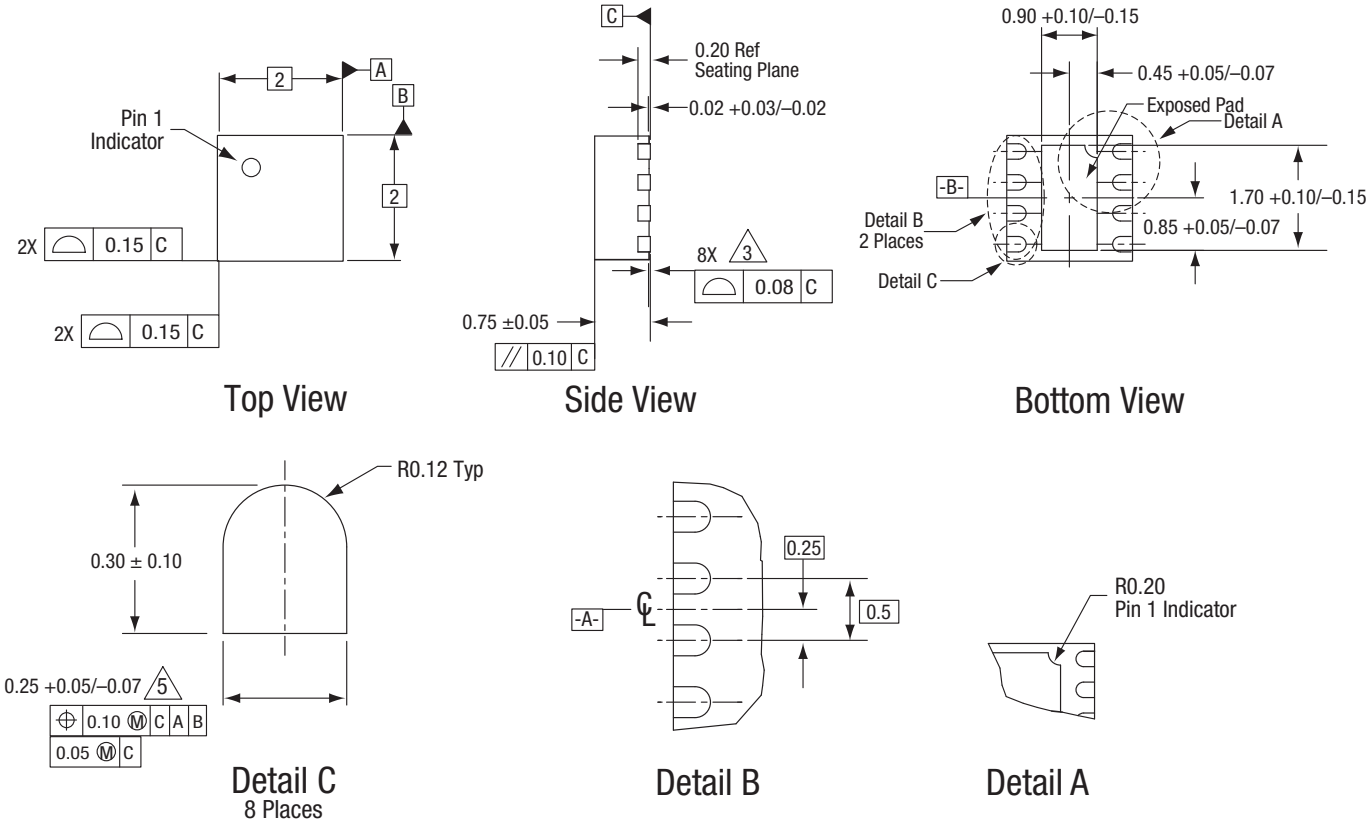


Figure 33. Typical Part Markings
(Top View)



Notes:

1. *All measurements are in millimeters.*
2. *Dimensions and tolerances according to ASME Y14.5M-1994.*
3. *Coplanarity applies to the exposed heat sink ground pad as well as the terminals.*
4. *Plating requirement per source control drawing (SCD) 2504.*
5. *Dimension applies to metallized terminal and is measured between 0.15 mm and 0.30 mm from terminal tip.*

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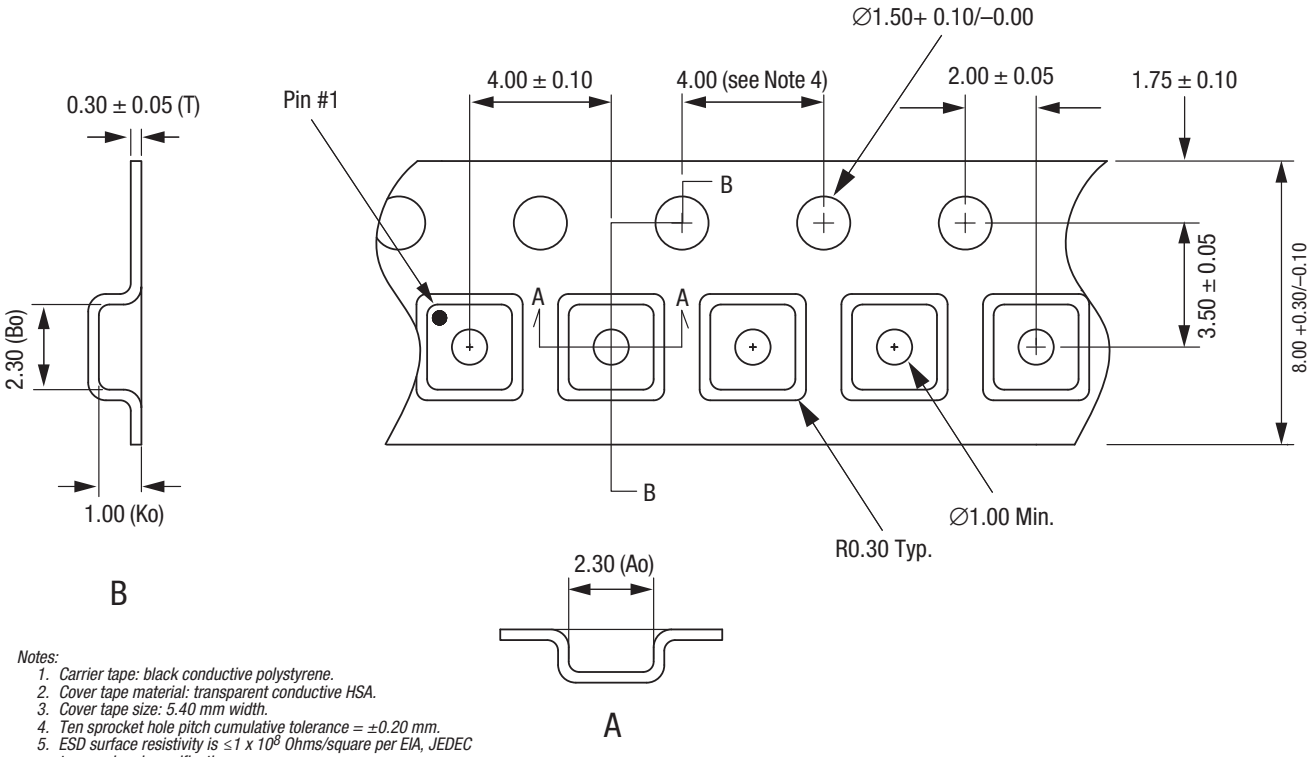
Figure 34. SKY67159-396LF Package Dimensions



Notes:
1. *Carrier tape: black conductive polystyrene.*
2. *Cover tape material: transparent conductive HSA.*
3. *Cover tape size: 5.40 mm width.*
4. *Ten sprocket hole pitch cumulative tolerance = ±0.20 mm.*
5. *ESD surface resistivity is ≤1 x 10^8 Ohms/square per EIA, JEDEC tape and reel specification.*
6. *Ao and Bo measurement point to be 0.30 mm from bottom pocket.*
7. *All measurements are in millimeters.*

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Figure 35. SKY67159-396LF Tape and Reel Dimensions

Ordering Information

Part Number	Product Description	Evaluation Board Part Number
SKY67159-396LF LNA	200 to 3800 MHz Broadband Low-Noise Amplifier	SKY67159-396EK1 (700 to 2700 MHz low frequency range) SKY67159-396EK2 (3400 to 3800 MHz next frequency range)

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